"The South 40" by JAMES A. SMITH EXTENSION AGENT

I understand that Pioneer Seed Company is offering a hybrid wheat variety for Virginia this season. Since it has not been grown in the official test conducted by VPI Research Division, I can only report on what the company claims - they say it should average 18 to 20 bushels more than Arthur 71 and is 4 to 6 inches shorter - - - it is bearded - - they recommend 75 lbs. seeded per acre - - seed price is $10.50 per unit.

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A fall boxwood workshop will be held at the National Arboretum, September 29, from 10:30 - 3:00. Anyone with an interest in boxwood varieties, boxwood plantings and viewing the Bonsai Collection at the National Arboretum are encouraged to attend. There is a $4.00 registration fee that covers the box lunch.

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Attic insulation with R=20 (6" glass wool equivalent) is stopping 96% of the heat loss. Doubling this to 4= 40 will stop only 2% more or 97%. The first few inches are the most important.

We have a computer program that is useful in determining whether additional insulation is economically feasible.

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There are five Appomatox County farmers - Henry Pack, John Cole, Richard Nash, Carter Martin and Ed Harvey growing the new high yielding Cumberland Oak variety this fall. Also growing Vothar Barley, which was the highest yielding variety at each test location in Virginia last year is Pack and Martin.

Hopefully the oats can be certified and seed made available to other Virginia farmers.

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I was talking with Dan Brann, Extension Grain Specialist at Virginia Tech, and he raised the point of why any Virginia farmer would want to grow wheat this year.

He reasoned that if wheat brings $2.00 at harvest time, which is doubtful, and the grower gets a 50 bushel yield, wouldn't he be better off with barley. Barley should yield 70 bushels and be worth $1.50. The wheat would be worth $100 an acre and the barley $105. The barley would come off earlier and land be used for double cropping - barley is a better feed grain and also makes a better quality silage than wheat.

With a six billion bushel corn crop headed for harvest and a billion bushel wheat crop nearly harvested, there just isn't much excitement to be generated with either of these crops for 1978.

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Aflatoxin is a serious problem in N.C., S.C. and Georgia corn this year. It's associated with the drought and insect injury. Buyers in these states are using a black light to determine its presence.

Moldy corn can be caused by a number of fungi called Mycotoxins, several of which can produce Aflatoxin. Affected grain can be harmful to livestock. Once grain is infected, there is no practical way to detoxify it.

PRECIPITATION—

Last Week	.13
This Month	.22
This Year	17.62

Union Baptizing Attracts Large Crowd

A very large crowd of members and friends attended the union baptizing service at the Promise Land Baptist Church Sunday. Candidates from Galilee, Mount Shiloh and Promise Land were baptized into the fellowship of the church of their choice. The pastor officated. Beautiful music was rendered by the choir. The regular preaching service followed the baptizing service. The pastor delivered a challenging message to all present. The holy communion was served at the close of morning message. All who came out enjoyed the fellowship service.

An appreciative crowd attended the musical program given at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7 p.m. by the "Seven Wonders" of Lynchburg, Va. The special program took place of the regular evening service. All present enjoyed the program.

The annual revival will begin at the Mount Airy Baptist Church this Sunday at the regular morning service.

All members of the Appomattox Assembly are asked to attend the next regular meeting on October 12 at 7:30. A special program will be given and refreshments will be served.

The general public is reminded of a special program to be presented at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the second Sunday in October at 7 p.m. by the Golden Trumpteers of Appomattox. This program is sponsored by the church.

The 14th anniversary program of the Pastor's Aid was held at the Zion Baptist Church last Sunday at 3 p.m. The following program was carried out: Opening selection, Triumph Baptist Church Junior Choir; Scripture lesson, Mrs. Susie Hunter; Prayer, deacon Robert Jennings; Music, guest choir; welcome address, Mrs. Beatrice Jennings; Response, Mrs. Beatrice Finnely; History of the Pastor's Aid, by deacon Frank Johnson; Roll call of visiting churches; music by guest choir; Introduction of guest speaker, Pastor Hankins, Sermon, Rev. Bernard Davis; Offering, Meadames Nannie Johnson and Mattie Singleton; Remarks and Announcements by the pastor. The benediction was given by Rev. Davis. At the close of the offering period a special love offering was presented the pastor. A special memorial tribute was held in honor of the late deacon James Franklin who served as president for nearly 14 years. The Mrs. Magnolia Franklin served as the mistress of ceremony.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Zion Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

The senior usher board held its regular meeting last Sunday at 11 a.m., with the president Mrs. Mattie Lawson presiding. All officers were present.

Mrs. Estell Hamlett is stil on the sick list. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson of Jamaica N. Y. is visiting in the home of her cousin, Mrs. Barbara Radcliff.

Mrs. Maggie Tibbs is still on the sick list.

All officers, members and friends are cordially asked to attend regular service at the Galilee Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

District III DAR Meeting Held Last Week

Mrs. Eldred M. Yochin, state regent, Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution, addressed the 27th annual meeting of District III on Thurs., Sept. 22, at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, Amherst.

In explaining the objectives and work of the society, Mrs. Yochin stressed the national theme for the year, "The way of the Lord is strength to the upright . . ." Proverbs 10:29, and stated that the "ultimate success depends on the dedication of each member."

Mrs. Robert B. Carpenter, Jr., district director, presiding at the meeting called for the invocation by Mrs. Henry L. Finch, Sr., district chaplain.

Participating in the opening ritual were Mrs. Beverley H. Epes, leading the pledge of allegiance, Mrs. William B. Canter, the American's creed, and Mrs. Ray Puckett, the national athem with Mrs. Kay Harvey, pianist.

Mrs. Robert D. Richards, vice director of District III introduced the state officers. Mrs. Carpenter introduced district officers, including Mrs. L. F. Fahrner, secretary - treasurer, officers of the Regents' Club, and past district directors.

State Chairmen and district chairmen of national committees were presented and gave reports pertaining to administrative, historical, educational and patriotic areas of work in the society.

Mrs. John G. Mohr, regent, Lynchburg Chapter, gave a brief history of "Point of Honor", the home of Dr. George Cabell, built in 1806 in Lynchburg. Aid in the restoration of this home, which is in progress, was announced as the district project for the next three years.

Reporting on their plans for the coming year were the regents of the 18 chapters of the district.

An invitation to the 1978 district meeting was given by Miss Jane E. Blackwell, regent, Berryman Green Chapter, to meet in South Boston.

Recognized for participation in the meeting were Mrs. Gary M. Jennings, regent of the Amherst Chapter, which served as hostess for the event. Also recognized was the page, Mrs. Henry C. Franklin, III, and the timekeeper - parliamentarian, Mrs. W. Walker Peers.

Other chapters represented by delegates and members included Blue Ridge, Col. Charles Lynch, Dorothea Henry, James Allen, James River, Joseph Gravely, Judith Randolph, Longwood, Poplar Forest, Prestwould, Red Hill, Slate Hill, Thomas Carter, William Pitt and William Taylor.

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DRAWS FOR DOOR PRIZES

Amy Morris, young visitor, draws the door prizes for members of Appomattox County Extension Homemakers at Appomattox National Historical Park when the ladies held their annual meeting Saturday, September 24, as Miss Claudette Smith, Agent in Training, and Mrs. W. Twyman Coleman, County Chairman, and others watch.

AG Teachers To Meet

J. R. Cardwell, chairman of agricultural education in the Halifax County High School, will be the principal speaker during the fall conference of agriculture teachers at Appomattox, October 3.

Afternoon and evening sessions will be held in the Appomattox County High School, Monday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Other scheduled to appear on the program are D. M.A. Fields, Virginia State College; Professor C. P. Griner, VPI&SU; and Ronnie Thomas, State Vice-President of the Future Farmers of America.

The theme of the conference is "Using Program Standards to Develop Quality Programs of Agricultural Education." A. H. Carter, area president, will preside.

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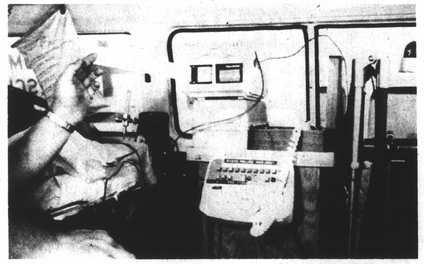

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